

Remarks

The Office action mailed August 4, 2004, has been reviewed and carefully considered. The allowance of claims 33-36, 39-40, 42-44, 46, 51-52 and 82-85 is acknowledged (it is noted that the Office Action Summary apparently inadvertently does not list dependent claim 44 as being allowed). Claims 92, 93, 101, 104, 105 and 113-116 have been canceled without prejudice for filing a divisional application.

Certified Copy of Priority Application

The Office Action Summary indicates that a certified copy of the Canadian foreign priority document has not been received, even though a certified copy was included with the Amendment and Reply mailed on July 22, 2004. In any event, another certified copy of the Canadian foreign priority document is enclosed herewith as Exhibit 1.

Information Disclosure Statements

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was mailed on June 16, 2004. Applicants have not received an examiner-initialed Form 1449, and PAIR does not show that the 6/16/04 Supplemental IDS was received. Enclosed as Exhibit 2 is a copy of the 6/16/04 Supplemental IDS and the transmittal letter accompanying it. Enclosed as Exhibit 3 is a copy of the stamped postcard showing receipt by the USPTO of the 6/16/04 Supplemental IDS on June 18, 2004. For the convenience of the PTO, copies of the foreign documents cited in the 6/16/04

Supplemental IDS are included. Applicants respectfully request that the examiner initial and mail the Form 1449 accompanying the 6/16/04 Supplemental IDS.

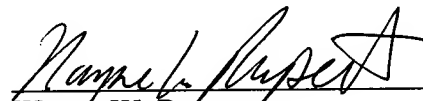
A further newly-submitted Supplemental IDS also accompanies the present reply.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is condition for allowance. Should there be any questions regarding this application, Examiner Le is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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